

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

February 6, 2001

6:00 PM

Chairman Clancy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Clancy, Sysyn, Vaillancourt, and Hirschmann

Messrs: Sgt. Winn, T. Lolicata

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Charles Gordon requesting closure of certain streets for the purpose of holding the 4th annual "Cruising Downtown" event.

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted to approve the request.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Daniel O'Neil, President of the St. Patrick's Parade Committee requesting "No Parking" and closure of certain streets, as outlined, on Sunday, March 25th, and the painting of shamrocks.

Alderman Sysyn asked could we also have in honor of Greek Independence Day I am looking for...

Chairman Clancy interjected what are you talking about.

Alderman Sysyn stated you are having a parade for St. Patrick's Day on March 25 and that is a Greek holiday also. We want Greek flags painted.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I think that is a separate issue. I do have some questions on the main motion. Does this include any hours? Maybe I didn't read it right, but I don't see any hours listed in here.

Alderman O'Neil replied that is a very good point, Alderman. This is a copy of last year's letter. It is almost identical. The parade does step off at 1 PM. Sergeant Winn may be able to let us know an appropriate time. Maybe noontime.

Sgt. Winn responded I would say 11 AM until 4 PM.

Alderman O'Neil stated that is fine. If I may, the Parade Committee wishes to amend this. In discussions with the Police Department and in limited discussions with the Traffic Department, with regards to Items B and C, we are requesting that Elm Street be closed not only from Webster to Auburn, but from Webster to Valley. The intent is that the number of buses needed to move the bands is now approaching 35. In discussions with Lt. Tracy and Sgt. Winn, we felt that it might be best from a safety standpoint just to close Elm Street between Auburn and Valley Streets and we will hire the necessary police officers to do that. We wish to amend that part of the letter.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to amend the motion as stated above. Alderman Vaillancourt duly seconded the amendment. Chairman Clancy called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted to approve the motion as amended. Chairman Clancy called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Clancy advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

NO PARKING HANDICAP

ON ALSACE STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM KELLEY ST. TO A POINT
40 FEET NORTHERLY
ALDERMAN HIRSCHMANN

RESCIND NO PARKING HANDICAP

ON JOLIETTE ST. EAST SIDE, FROM KELLEY ST. TO A POINT
40 FEET NORTHERLY
ALDERMAN HIRSCHMANN

NO PARKING

AT THE DEAD END PORTION OF KEARSARGE ST. FOR A DISTANCE OF
30 FEET ACROSS THE STREET
ALDERMAN THIBAULT
ON WESTON RD. SOUTH SIDE, FROM SOUTH WILLOW ST. TO
CIRCLE ROAD
ALDERMAN VAILLANCOURT
ON MALVERN ST. WEST SIDE, FROM EAST HIGH ST. TO LOWELL ST.
ALDERMAN SYSYN

PARKING ½ HOUR 8AM-6PM

ON CONANT ST. SOUTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 50 FEET WEST OF WEST
ST. TO A POINT 20 FEET WESTERLY
ALDERMAN THIBAUT

RESCIND 1 HOUR PARKING

ON PINE ST. EAST SIDE, FROM MERRILL ST. TO VALLEY ST.
ALDERMAN LEVASSEUR

NO PARKING LOADING ZONE

ON PEARL ST. NORTH SIDE, FROM MORRISON ST. TO A POINT 35 FEET
WESTERLY
ALDERMAN GATSAS

STOP SIGN

ON RIVERBANK RD AT TRAFFORD ST, SEC
ALDERMAN VAILLANCOURT

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCES – ALDERMAN LEVASSEUR – CONCORD
AND ELM**

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME

ON CONCORD ST. NORTH SIDE, FROM ELM ST. TO VINE ST.

RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE

ON CONCORD ST. SOUTH SIDE, FROM VINE ST. TO NUTFIELD LANE

RESCIND TWO HOUR PARKING METERS

ON ELM ST., EAST SIDE, FROM CONCORD ST. TO A POINT 60 FEET
SOUTH (3 SPACES)

ON ELM ST., EAST SIDE, FROM CONCORD ST. TO A POINT 90 FEET
NORTH (5 SPACES)

NO PARKING ANYTIME

ON CONCORD ST., SOUTH SIDE, FROM VINE TO ELM ST.

ON CONCORD ST. NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 50 FEET WEST OF
NUTFIELD LANE TO ELM ST.

ON ELM ST., EAST SIDE, FROM CONCORD ST. TO A POINT
60 FEET SOUTH

ON ELM ST., EAST SIDE, FROM CONCORD ST. TO A POINT
90 FEET NORTH

TWO HOUR PARKING METERS

ON CONCORD ST. NORTH SIDE, FROM VINE ST. TO A POINT 50 FEET
WEST OF NUTFIELD LANE (8 SPACES)

Alderman Hirschmann asked about the rescinding of a handicapped parking place.

Mr. Lolicata answered what happened was it was the wrong street. In other words, it is for the church and they put down Joliette Street and we apologize. It is actually Alsace Street.

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted to approve the traffic agenda as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Sysyn stated we want some Greek flags painted in front of all three Greek churches and if you are going to do Elm Street with shamrocks, we should have them there too.

Chairman Clancy asked do you have the proper stuff to paint them.

Alderman Sysyn answered we will get them.

Chairman Clancy asked how many would you like. You have three Greek churches and you want one down on Elm Street? That would be four.

Alderman Sysyn asked how many shamrocks do you have on Elm Street. March 25 is Greek Independence Day and that is when you are having the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Chairman Clancy asked how many do you want.

Alderman Sysyn asked how many shamrocks are you doing on Elm Street.

Chairman Clancy answered about five.

Alderman Sysyn stated then we will do five plus the three.

Chairman Clancy asked do you want to put the Greek flag next to the shamrocks.

Alderman Sysyn answered yes.

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to have the Greek flag painted in front of all three Greek churches and next to the shamrocks on Elm Street before March 25, 2001.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked is this a recognizable flag. What does it look like?

Alderman Sysyn answered it is blue and white.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked does it have an emblem in the middle of it.

Alderman Sysyn answered on the side.

Alderman O'Neil asked may I make a suggestion. The Parade Committee has had some preliminary discussions with some leaders of the Greek community so how about we let the Greek community and the Irish community work this out.

Chairman Clancy answered that would be fine.

Alderman O'Neil stated that would be my suggestion.

Chairman Clancy stated well since we are having the St. Patrick's Day Parade the week after St. Patrick's Day on the date of Greek Independence Day, maybe we could ask the Greek community to march in the parade.

Alderman O'Neil replied again those preliminary discussions have already taken place. My suggestion would be to let the Parade Committee work with the leaders of the Greek community to work this out.

TABLED ITEMS

6. Copy of a communication from the Public Works Director to Rich Davis recommending an alternative to a request for the discontinuance of Hampshire Lane between Stark and Mechanic Streets.
(Tabled 10/3/00)

This item remained on the table.

7. NEW CROSSWALKS

- On Lowell Street, east of Union Street
- On Lowell Street, west of Union Street
- On Union Street, north of Lowell Street
- On Union Street, south of Lowell Street

Alderman Sysyn
(Tabled 10/3/00)

This item remained on the table.

8. Petition for reducing speed to limit to 15 miles per hour on Kimball Street, in the vicinity of Kelley Falls Housing Development.
(Tabled 9/5/00)

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to remove this item from the table.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I had asked Tom Lolicata to give us a recommendation regarding Kelley Falls. Some kind of a traffic calming or something in the future.

Mr. Lolicata replied I went over there, Alderman, and Kelley Falls, they are bounded by Kimball and Upland Streets. Right now you have Slow signs in both directions and you have Drive Slow signs and Pedestrian signs also at the crosswalks. What I have done and as a matter of fact I have them made up right now, I have initiated two special signs just for that compound circular area alone. These are diamond shaped Suggested Speed 25 MPH that are yellow and black with Slow on top of them. They are 24" x 30" signs. These are first. I cannot lower it, but I can suggest 25 MPH because of the curbs over there and the population. It is a suggestive and not a regulatory sign. These will be well seen. If there are any more complaints from that neighborhood, I can only suggest a little extra effort enforcement wise. I can't recommend anything more than that.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I went and took a look at that, Tom. There is a crosswalk as you drive in and the vehicles park very close, almost on top of the crosswalk. Can there be no parking near that crosswalk too?

Mr. Lolicata replied I think it is 15' with probably 20' on each side. I could put up some No Parking signs for the crosswalk. That can be done also.

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to have the Traffic Director install "Suggested Speed 25 MPH" signs in the vicinity of Kelley Falls Housing Development.

Chairman Clancy asked Tom Lolicata about the corner of Cedar and Beech Street. People are parking too close to the stop signs down there and the guy told me there is going to be an accident. Can we put No Parking signs up 15' from the stop signs?

Mr. Lolicata answered it has to be 30'.

Chairman Clancy replied okay do that on Cedar and Beech Street please.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee